

Practitioner's Docket No. MPI99-037P1RCP1M

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 30, 2002 (paper No. 10), Applicants hereby elect Group I-IV, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having SEQ ID NO:2 (claims 1-7 and 12), with traverse. While clarification is requested, initial election is made selecting nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:11, presumably designated Group IV in the Office Letter.

Applicant wishes to traverse the Requirement and hereby requests rejoinder of Groups II-IV, which include nucleic acids encoding polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:5, 8, and 11. Applicant submits each of the sequences encode partial or full length human LGR6, and as such, a search of one Group would include a search of other Groups. Thus, joinder of these Groups II-IV would place no additional burden on the Examiner. In fact, lack of joinder of the Groups would place additional burden on Applicant and the Office in filing and search and exam of additional applications containing overlapping subject matter.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the additional subject matter in other applications. Applicant hereby reserves the right to traverse the above restriction with respect to non-elected Groups I, V-XXIV in this or subsequent applications.

Claims 1-22 have been cancelled and new claims 23-32 have been added. New Claims 23-32 are directed to the subject matter elected, that of original claims 1-7 and 12 (Groups II-IV). Support for the new claims lies in elected claims 1-7 and 12 and throughout the specification as filed. No new matter is added by virtue of the amendments made herein.

This paper is being filed timely and it is believed no additional fees or extensions of time are required. In the event any additional fees are necessary, the undersigned hereby authorizes the requisite fees to be charged to Deposit Account No. 501668.

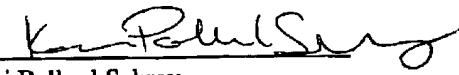
Entry of the remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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